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MEXICO FOR REGIONAL FISHERIES ATTACHE

CONSUL CALLED TODAY ON ADMIRAL ANDERSON,. COMMANDER FOURTH NAVAL DISTRICT, REGARDING PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN OBTAINING RELEASE OF SUBJECT VESSEL. DURING INTERVIEW ADMIRAL MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

1. VESSEL IS PRESENTLY BEING HELD PENDING COMPLETION OF PORT

CAPTAIN' S INQUIRY INTO EVENTS OF MAY 10-11 WHEN VESSEL WAS TOWED MJIN TO BELEM HARBOR. ADMIRAL EXPECTS INQUIRY TO BE COMPLETED ON SATURDAY WHEN CAPTAIN OF BRAZILIAN SHRIMP VESSEL PINA VI WHICH TOWED SUBJECT VESSEL TO SAFE HAVEN WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR TESTIMONY.

2. THUS FAR INQUIRY HAS TURNED UP SEVERAL IRREGULARITIES. ACCORDING TO ADMIRAL NAVY FEELS THAT SUBJECT VESSEL WAS SHRIMPING IN WATERS DEESNED BY US- BRAZIL AGREEMENT BEFORE FONOFF WAS NOTIFIED OF REGISTRATION. THIS IS BASED ON FACT THAT VESSEL WAS PICKED UP ON MAY 10 AND EMBASSY LETTER ADDRESSED TO FONOFF DATED ONLY MAY 14 INDICATED REGISTRATION.

3. ADMIRAL STATES THAT INQUIRY HAS REVEALED THAT SUBJECT VESSEL MAY HAVE BEEN OUTSIDE AREA DEFINED BY AGREEMENT WHEN PICKED UP BY PINA VI.

4. ADMIRAL FURTHER STATES THAT INQUIRY HAS REVEALED TESTIMONY FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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CREWMEMBERS THAT SUBJECT MAY HAVE BEEN FISHING IN WATERS DEFINED BY AGREEMENT IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.

4. ADMIRAL ALSO NOTED IRREGU ARITIES OF BOAT NOT BEING PROPERLY MARKED AND NOT HAVING REGISTRATION ON BOARD.

5. ADMIRAL FINALLY STATED THAT ON COMPLETION OF PORT CAPTAIN S INQUIRY FULL REPORT WOULD BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH NAVY MINISTRY TO FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR DISCUSSION WHIT EMBASSY. DETERMINATION OF WHETHER POINTS NOTED ABOVE CONSTITUTE VIOLATION OF US BRASIL AGREEMENT WOULD. INS HIS OPINION, BE MADE AT THAT TIME.

6. OWNER' S REPRESENTATIVE J. N. MILLIS CURRENTLY IN BELEM. MILIS SOUGHT RELEASE OF VESSEL ON UNDERSTANDING THAT PRESENTATION OF REGISTRATION PAPERS ONLY OBSTACLE TO BE OVERCOME. MILLS IS PRESSING CONSULATE FOR ASSISTANCE. CONSUL HAS ADVISED MILLS OF INQUIRIES AND RESPONSES MADE WITH APPROPRIATE BRAZILIAN AGENCIES.
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